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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV EXPORT CONTROL PROCEDURES

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1. INTERESTED AGENCIES PLEASED TO RECEIVE FIRST POST-SHIPMENT CHECK AS A RESULT TEAM'S VISIT. IF REMAINDER NOT RECEIVED BY EMBASSY IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS, AN ANTICIPATED, SHOULD FOLLOW-UP WITH CHAMBER.

2. CONFIRMATION OF DIVERSION IN REFTTEL, WHILE GRATIFYING, HAS RAISED SEVERAL QUESTIONS. UNLESS COMPELLING REASONS TO THE CONTRARY, EMBASSY SHOULD EXPLORE THESE WITH CHAMBER.

A. OUR INFORMATION WAS THAT CORE TEST SYSTEMS WERE DIVERTED TO USSR. CHAMBER SAYS SENT TO BULGARIA. WHO WAS RECIPIENT AND/OR END-USER IN BULGARIA? WHEN DID SHIPMENT THERETO TAKE PLACE?

B. WHAT WAS ACTUAL ROLE OF IRET IN DIVERSION, I.E. DID IT
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SOLICIT GOODS FROM US WITH EXPRESS PURPOSE OF DIVERSION?

WHAT WAS ROLE KOTEKS EXPORT-IMPORT FIRM: INSTRUMENT OF TRANSHIPMENT, INSTIGATOR, OR WHAT. COMMERCE RECALLS ON OCCASION PRE-LICENSE CHECK FOR FC-243 WAREHOUSING PARTICIPATION, CONGEN DISCLOSED (ZAGREB A-172, DECEMBER 15, 1972) THAT KOTEKS HAD BEEN INVOLVED EMBEZZLEMENT OR SOME SUCH OFFENSE. FIRM'S NORMAL EXPORT-IMPORT AREA WAS NOT FOR ELECTRONIC GOODS. THEREFORE FIRM NOT APPROVED FOR WAREHOUSING PROCEDURE.

C. CHAMBER SAYS IRET WAS PUNISHED FOR PERIOD OF FOUR MONTHS, WHICH PERIOD REPORTEDLY HAS ALREADY EXPIRED. HOW CAN THIS BE? INFORMATION THIS CASE NOT SENT TO EMBASSY UNTIL NOVEMBER 1974.

3. RE INTERAGENCY CONCURRENCE IN YUGOSLAV IMPLEMENTATION OF ARRANGEMENTS DISCUSSED DURING TEAM'S VISIT, STAFF LEVEL CONCURRENCE, AT LEAST FOR AN INTERIM PERIOD OF SOME MONTHS, HAS BEEN OBTAINED (AND IS BASIS ON WHICH OPERATIONS CONTINUING). POLICY LEVEL CONCURRENCE BEING SOUGHT.

4. BACKLOG OF CASES FROM LAST FALL ALREADY SOMEWHAT RELIEVED. HOWEVER, EMBASSY/CONGEN MUST REALIZE THAT ANSWERS TO PRE-LICENSE CHECKS MUST BE ANALYSED AND CASES ARE THEN REQUIRED TO BE PRESENTED TO DEFENSE BEFORE LICENSES ISSUED. FRANKLY SOME CHAMBER ANSWERS ARE NOT VERY HELPFUL. COMMERCE WILL TAKE UP THIS ISSUE IN ANOTHER MESSAGE.

5. WILL REPORT SEPTTEL AND IN FUTURE WHEN PRE-LICENSED CASES LICENSED, DENIED OR WHEN FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED.
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